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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IT, CB

SUBJECT: REPORTED CONTACT BETWEEN SIHANOUK AND KHMER  
REPUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

1. A RESPONSIBLE MFA OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY IN BANGKOK HAS JUST REPORTED THE ARRIVAL IN THAILAND OF A SON OF PRINCE SIHANOUK. THE EMBASSY HAS ALLEGEDLY HEARD THAT THE ARRIVAL OF SIHANOUK'S SON IS CONNECTED WITH SECRET TALKS BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE KHMER GOVERNMENT AND SIHANOUK.

2. COMMENT. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THAT SIHANOUK MAY BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF THE FALL OF THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT IN THE FACE OF THE CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM THE INSURGENTS. HE SPECULATES THAT SIHANOUK MIGHT SEE HIMSELF BECOMING A SUPERNUMERARY FOLLOWING A POSSIBLE INSURGENT MILITARY VICTORY AND THEREFORE MIGHT NOW BE MORE AMENABLE TO A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT PROVIDING HE COULD PLAY A POST-CONFLICT ROLE IN CAMBODIA. VOLPE

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